

**BRISBANE NORTH COAST
EMMAUS COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER
October 2019**

Next Gathering

When: *Saturday, 12th October 2019 – 5.30pm*

Where: *Morayfield Uniting Church,
12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield*

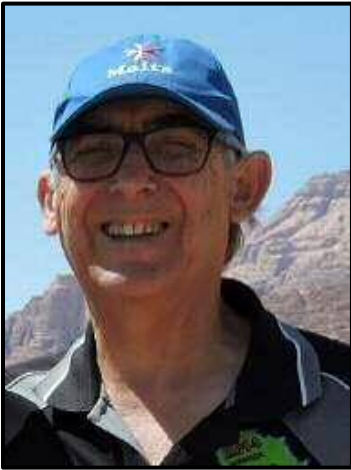
*Please bring a plate of food for a shared dinner
after the Gathering.*

love to see you there!

De Colores

From our Community

Lay Director



Another month has passed and again we have to use paper copies of the newsletter but hopefully next month the website will be up and running again so that all members can have access to it.

Our next Face To Face Encounter is about to start. Face to Face Encounter #3, held Tuesday's, starts on the 22nd October and finishes on the 12th November at the Coolum Uniting Church. I would encourage as many as possible to attend the Candlelighting, which will be during the day, on Tuesday 5th November and the Closing Ceremony, also during the day, on the 12th. Come along to support the pilgrims and the team of the Encounter. More details as to times will be emailed shortly. Don't forget to sign up, if you haven't already, for the 72hr prayer vigil, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4ba8aa2fa1fe3-face1> to support and uplift the Encounter.

*Looking ahead; our first walks next year will be held at **YMCA Camp Warrawee, Joyner** so start praying about who you can sponsor for the walks.*

*The Lay Director for Men's Walk # 105 is **David Kanowski** and will be held from 14-17 May 2020.*

*The Lay Director for Women's Walk # 106 is **Anitta Kanowski** and will be held from 21-24 May 2020.*

Please pray about whether God is challenging you to accept a role on these team if asked by these Lay Directors who will be looking for team members. We are also looking at holding another walk later in the year

as well as a number of Face To Face Encounters. There will be numerous opportunities to serve in this Emmaus community.

We are still waiting to hear from anyone willing to look after the Website, once it's up and running again, and also looking after the Gatherings. Neither job is onerous so if you feel led to take on one of these roles please speak to or phone the current board member about what's involved in these roles.

The final gathering of the year will be on 09th November so come along and celebrate all the blessing that God has bestowed on our community this year.

De Colores

Paul Fletcher



Don't forget



The bank details for General Donations just in case you missed the Gathering and would like to contribute.

Also the bank details for donations to provide Special Agape – flowers, rainbow cake, morning and afternoon teas etc.

General Donations

BSB: 334-040

A/c No: 000 0553 890 883

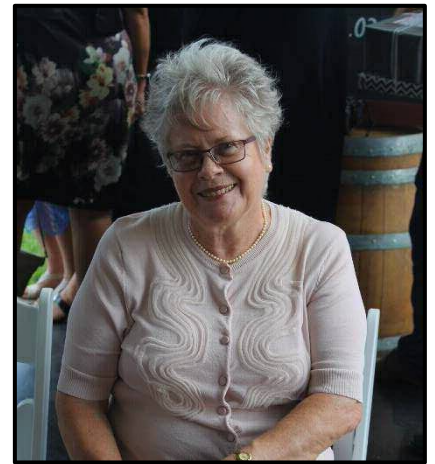
Walk Agape Donations

BSB: 334-040

A/c No: 000 0554 465 053

From our Community Spiritual Director

The human body needs **food** and water to **survive**. A human **can** go for more than three weeks **without food** but water is a different story. At least 60% of the adult body is made of it and every living cell in the body needs it to keep functioning. We cannot physically live without water for much more than 4 or 5 days. Without water we get quickly dehydrated and die!



The same is true for the other creatures that share our planet! It becomes a stark reality for us when we are faced with long term drought and prices for food go up as farmers struggle to grow any sort of viable crops.

Last weekend I saw a news clip about a couple on a dairy farm on the mid north coast of NSW who have had to cull their herd because of severe drought conditions. Not a blade of grass for cattle and no water to grow crops. They can't afford to buy any, no water in the river/creek and very grim prospects at the moment. So many people on the land suffering from the vagaries of our climate. Everything so dry.

Then the heavens opened a few nights ago with very loud thunder and some rain. (We had just planted some very small seedlings in our new vegetable garden.) The next night we had 80mls of good soaking rain. We are reminded that we cannot control everything although sometimes in our human arrogance we think we can! We suffer from drought and flooding rains in our "sunburnt country" but there is a deeper suffering which sometimes goes unnoticed, the parched dry state of our souls. Constant rushing from one place to the next, one task to the next, one appointment to the next, stopping only when we are exhausted. So we refresh with food and water!

What about those deep places within that cry out for rest, for refreshment, for life giving water? So how is it going for you at the moment? If you have been on an

Emmaus Walk recently your cup may be full and running over. Perhaps you are experiencing a “drought” of the soul. Or maybe you have forgotten to drink **enough** water to sustain you on the journey. Are you loving yourself enough to care for your need for intimacy and renewal from the One who created you and sustains you?

This has been one of the biggest challenges for me throughout my life. The tyranny of the urgent tends to rule out the most important! We need that living water which comes from the Lord to sustain us spiritually! TAKE TIME to drink deeply, as you read the Scriptures, pray, worship, be refreshed around the Lord’s Table, share with other Christians. Immerse yourself in God’s refreshing streams for God’s supply never runs dry. Those means of grace are given for our growth and our total well-being, our wholeness in Christ.

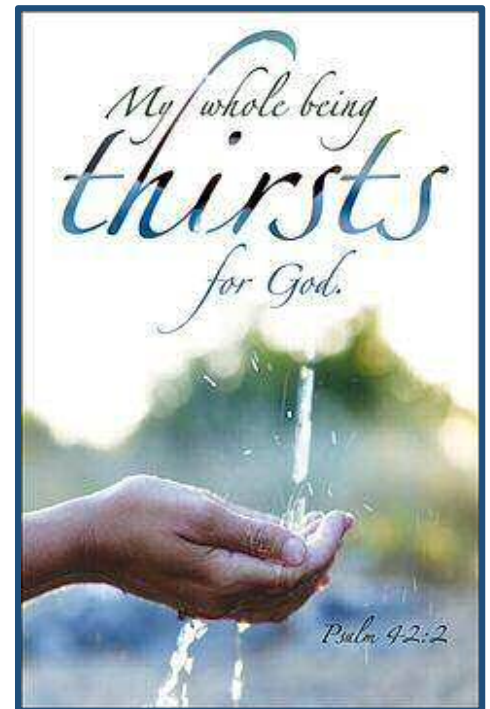
The Psalmist wrote in Psalm 42

¹ As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

² My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.

When shall I come and behold
the face of God?

Be encouraged to make your daily appointment with
God your priority and see what a difference it makes!
May all the riches of God’s grace
overflow in your life so that you live
life in all its fullness.



Jenny Sims

Spiritual Director of BNC Emmaus Community.

LD's Progress Report Face to Face Encounter # 3



(Coolum Beach Uniting Church Oct.-Nov. 2019)

By the time this goes to print, training for our third Face to Face Encounter will be complete. We have a full team and we are all working well together. I am not sure how many pilgrims have signed up so far, but I am sure we can accommodate more. Commissioning will be at the October gathering on the 13th at Morayfield so please come and support the team.

Please take some time out to pray either up to or during the Encounter. The link to the prayer vigil is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4ba8aa2fa1fe3-face1>

And don't forget candle lighting on Tuesday 5th November. The community will be meeting at the Catholic Church next door around 1:30 pm. Closing will be on 12th November at around 2:00 pm. Emails will be sent out to the community closer to the dates with all the details.

We have learnt a lot from the first two encounters, and we are confident that this one will run smoothly and enable each and every pilgrim to experience an abundance of God's love and grace. I thank God for the opportunity to serve in this ministry.

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(Lay Director)

De Colores

AGAPE FOR FACE TO FACE ENCOUNTER #3

Please bring your agape gifts to the Gathering this Saturday 12th October otherwise send Lyn Chalmers your list of items so she will know how much to expect.

Please contact Lyn Chalmers or Lu Evans if you need to make delivery arrangements. Face to Face will be held at Caloundra this time so distance could be a challenge.

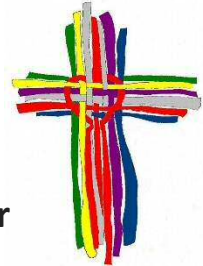
Lu Evans can collect for the southern region if necessary.

Lyn Chalmers is closer for the northern area.

Thank you all once again for your support.

Lyn Chalmers Ph 0419 442 367 Face to Face Encounter Team Manager

Lu Evans Ph 0417 482 471 Community Board Agape Coordinator



2019 Calendar

Date	Time	Place	Comments
12 October 2019	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering & Commissioning Face to Face Encounter #3
22 October 2019		Coolum Uniting Church 22 Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach	Face to Face Encounter #3 Day 1 of 4
29 October 2019		Coolum Uniting Church 22 Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach	Face to Face Encounter #3 Day 2 of 4
5 November 2019		Coolum Uniting Church 22 Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach	Face to Face Encounter #3 Day 3 of 4
5 November 2019	1.15 pm	TBA	Gathering & Candlelighting Face to Face Encounter #3
9 November 2019	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	END OF YEAR CELEBRATION!
12 November 2019		Coolum Uniting Church 22 Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach	Face to Face Encounter #3 Day 4 of 4
12 November 2019	2.30 pm	Coolum Uniting Church 22 Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach	Closing Ceremony Face to Face Encounter #3

DON'T MISS OUT!

2020 Calendar

Date	Time	Place	Comments
8 February 2020	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering
14 March 2020	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering
4 April 2020 (Easter is 12 April)	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering
14-17 May 2020		YMCA Camp Warrawee 81 Byrnes Rd Nth, Joyner	Men's walk #105
21-24 May 2020		YMCA Camp Warrawee 81 Byrnes Rd Nth, Joyner	Women's walk #106
13 June 2020	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering

For any prayer needs that you wish to share with the Emmaus Community, please contact Helen Nutley while Margaret Niethe is away.



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